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A Liberally Conservative Moderate

Born many years ago in Toronto, Canada, Miss Louise Allin migrated to Cleveland, Ohio at the age of three. She has retained close ties with her native land since all her relatives still remain there. Miss Allin has lived in Ohio ever since leaving Canada. She received her Bachelor's of Art in Education with majors in English and history in 1966 and her Master's degree in English in 1968 from Ohio State. Miss Allin is currently working toward a Ph.D., specializing in the Renaissance. She previously taught fourth grade for one year and also did substitute teaching in Cleveland in 1966. Miss Allin currently lives by a lake in Columbus with her pet fish, her small motorcycle, her roommate, and about sixty resident ducks.

Concerning politics Miss Allin is between moderate and liberal depending upon where one stands. In some areas she is disturbingly conservative. She was somewhat

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FICTION BECOMES FACT

Computer Analyzes Environment

Remember those old science fiction stories about the entire population of a doomed planet being programmed into a computer?

The computer, of course, was rocketed into space to find a suitable planet, land there and then recreate the race.

Sometimes, the environment was programmed into the computer too, so the people wouldn't get homesick.

Well, they're doing something like that right now on the Columbus campus of Ohio State University.

The project has nothing to do with pollution and the hotly debated question of whether or not the Earth is doomed; the computer isn't going anywhere and it sure won't produce recreated people as an end product.

But, hopefully, it will produce a better environment for mankind.

Environment doesn't always mean land and grass and trees and bushes and rivers. It basically means "that which surrounds."

Inside a room, a person is in a man-made environment. In a formal park he is in an environment partly natural and partly man-made. In remote areas, he is in a natural environment.

Everything which man identifies with his five senses — sight,

sound, smell, taste and touch — affects him in some way, and how he reacts to these stimuli depends in part on his background, — race, religion, age, culture, mental attitude, past experience, education, and so on.

What Henry S. Brinkers, professor of architecture at Ohio State, wants is a flexible computer "model" of human behavior to

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FINE ARTS FILM FESTIVAL

FREE TO STUDENTS

Under the sponsorship of University Forum and University Internationals a Fine Arts Film Festival has come to Newark Campus. The purpose of the Fine Arts Film Festival is to provide a daytime cultural activity. The areas to be touched upon are a history of the art of film making, a journalistic account of current affairs, films with a message, and artistic entertainment. It is hoped that this film festival will be enlightening and culturally enriching.

On the following seven dates the following movies will be shown in the Founders Hall Auditorium:

Date	Road Runner Cartoons	Film
Thurs. Jan. 7—2:00 P.M.	"Gee Whizz"; "Football as It's Played Today," (OSU Football Satire)	
Thurs. Jan. 14—2:00 P.M.	"Guided Muscle"; "Medium is the Message" by Marshall McLuhan	
Tues. Jan. 26—1:00 P.M.	"Ready Set Boom"; "Titticut Follies"	
Tues. Feb. 9—10:00 A.M.	"Hook, Line & Stinker"; "Potemkin"	
Tues. Feb. 23—10:00 A.M.	"Scrambled Aches"; "Charlie Chaplin"	
Tues. March 9—2:00 P.M.	"Whou Begone"; "The Thin Man"	
Tues. March 16—1:00 P.M.	"Ziping Along"; "Mein Kampf"	

A short run-down of the films to be presented will better provide interested persons with an idea of what to expect from the features. "Medium is the Message" is a documentary on the power of mass media. "Titticut Follies" reveals the shocking and deplorable state of many public mental institutions. Many students may already be familiar with this film since it was previously shown in connection with the psychology courses offered here at the campus. "Charlie Chaplin" is actually a series of four films. Chaplin comedy is a landmark in comedy film production. For those who like to test their detective abilities, a classic murder mystery comes to the festival in the form of "The Thin Man." "Mein Kampf" is a film document of the Nazi era compiled from films and photos. Sergei Eisenstein, originator of many of the film techniques used today, directs the now referred to "classic and masterpiece," "Potemkin." Many critics feel that this film is the most original, therefore the greatest film ever made. Eisenstein is considered the Shakespeare of the film-producing world.

Since the Film Festival has been initiated for the benefit of all at Newark Campus, it is hoped that everyone will make the most of it and take advantage of this cultural opportunity.

He's Back

Sitting behind his desk, with a yellow shirt and paisley tie, Gordon Kingery stated that he was glad to be back on campus. During his twenty-one days in the hospital, he was treated "royally." The staff was very nice as well as efficient. Mr. Kingery wishes to sincerely thank everyone for the cards, flowers, and concern during his illness. Now that he is out of the hospital, Mr. Kingery has been advised to be cautious of the foods he eats, since some would not benefit his recovery.

During his discussion, he stated that Licking County Memorial Hospital has a very up-to-date cardiac unit due to money that was bequeathed to the department by a former heart patient. While in the hospital, Mr. Kingery spent his time reading, and he enjoyed receiving the *Oracle* which kept him informed of campus activities and coming events.

On December 4, he went home; his family was extremely happy to have the man of the house back. Students at Newark Campus are glad to see the smiling face of Mr. Kingery in the halls of Newark Campus. The *Oracle* staff eagerly welcomes the return of their advisor, assuring things will run smoothly. It is hoped that the quarter will be a good one for Mr. Kingery, and his good health will continue.

Secretary Swapping

The new year has not only ushered in a new quarter, but also a change in the secretarial staff. Mrs. Fredericks will now work fulltime on student activities as secretary to Mr. Noll and Mr. Russell. Dr. Price's secretary will be Mrs. Abbot, a new addition to the staff. Mrs. Gard will work with faculty services, and Mr. McGaughy will acquire a new secretary, soon to be hired. The information desk will still be handled by Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Bope, who is ill, is expected to return.

With the swapping of secretaries and the increase of the secretarial pool, it seems the busy ladies are engaged in a game of musical typewriters.



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3. Have your home heating unit checked annually.
4. Report air pollution nuisances as soon as you discover them.
5. Keep your car engine tuned properly.
6. Discourage backyard burning.

(borrowed from a Tuberculosis Society leaflet)

ON THE RIGHT

The Scoop on the Mass Media

Vice-President Agnew has become very famous for his super-frank speeches, and one of the most well-known of these was his criticism of bias in the news media. This was certainly no idle charge — he really hit the nail on the head.

Television news coverage has often been the culprit of subjective reporting, especially in recent years. A few examples: 1) The 1968 Democratic Convention, Chicago — Television eyes seemed to concentrate not on the attack by the demonstrators, but on the counter-attack of the police. Commentators were quick to emphasize the great number of civilian injuries (101), but how many of you knew that there were (and get this) 192 policemen injured in the riot? 2) Election-night coverage, November 3, 1970 — In keeping with the fine tradition of objective reporting, Eric Sevareid complained all night on "how far we've drifted to the right." Roger Mudd found William Brock's majority "ominous," and Lucille Rich kept reminding us that James Buckley really lived in Connecticut.

Television is certainly not the only media to show its sentiments. Consider this newspaper story concerning the sinister Black Panthers: "In the United States the Black Panthers are viewed as a menace to society. They are harassed by police, and shot in battles with them." Also in the story was a long statement by Eldridge Cleaver, calling for the murder of pigs, especially big pigs: "It would give me great satisfaction if Richard Nixon should be killed. I would consider that an excellent thing." Imagine the impact of this story, especially since it appeared in the influential *New York Times Sunday Magazine*.

Perhaps the most striking way in which newspapers show their sentiments is via headlines. Here is a good example of this operation. Two separate newspapers

carried the same story. Both stories said that three men were acquitted of conspiracy to rob, but were convicted for unlawful possession of firearms.

The headlines:

CONVICT THREE PANTHERS — *New York Sunday News*

3 FORMER PANTHERS ACQUITTED OF CONSPIRACY TO ROB — *N. Y. Times*

A comparison such as this should show even the least-suspecting person that this is an unfortunate situation that *does* exist.

To show that this problem is a bi-partisan one, I conclude with this 1968 quote from Hubert Humphrey: "I am convinced that just as the media can tell the facts to the people, they can also exaggerate and inflame the situation."

—Mark Tower

The Light Side; The Dark Side



A recent Associated Press dispatch speaks of a stepped-up "hate America" campaign in Russia. Visitors to Moscow are greeted in Sheremetyevo International Airport with a huge billboard showing the Statue of Liberty through Russia's eyes.

Miss Liberty is wearing sun glasses. The shades are covered with iron prison mesh. Miss Liberty's crown is an assortment of missiles and machine guns. Peeping out from behind Miss Liberty's crown weaponry are a cowboy, an American soldier and a Ku Klux Klanner. The Klansman's machine gun has a noose hanging from it. And to top it all off, Miss Liberty's torch is missing. The billboard is captioned "Freedom—American Style."

As the visitor drives into Moscow from the airport, he is greeted by nine more anti-American billboards, as well as one anti-Israeli and one anti-South African. Editorials in *Pravda* are increasingly anti-American, with special condemnation for President Nixon's "hypocrisy and falsification" with regard to the recent commando raid and air strikes in North Vietnam.

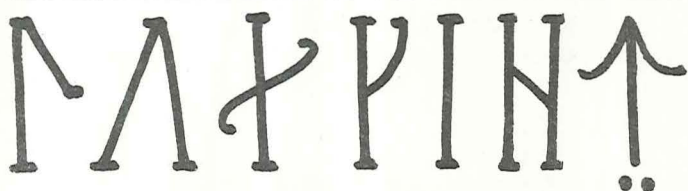
For a long time Americans have been fond of saying "you can trust the Communists to be Communists." The tragedy of the Russian Statue of Liberty poster is that it says by implication that you can trust Americans to be Americans. After all, the poster is not lying. What is called a "hate America" campaign is really only a dramatic portrayal of "hate in America." And the real tragedy is that America continues to project expressions of hate and violence which the Russians can magnify

for their own propaganda interests. America does not even force the Russians to lie about us.

The cowboy on the Russian Statue of Liberty is a good example. Most Americans do not realize what a violent image of America the cowboy legend portrays. America sends cowboy movies all over the world, extolling the violence of the Wild West, without realizing that those movies say more about America's infatuation with violence than any

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Anyone having information about the Tolkien Society of America is urged to contact Dennis Andrews. (Word may be left through the *Oracle* office.) Anyone interested in joining such a society should also contact Andrews. He is interested in joining an existing chapter or beginning a local chapter.

LOVE IS LIFE

Seems to me that people, whether consciously or unconsciously, always seem to be searching for something — grasping for something yet uncertain of what it is that will satisfy them. It's true people set tangible goals for themselves throughout the course of their life, but inside most people there exists an ultimate goal. What is this goal . . . who can say? To each his own. Somewhere there is something that will satisfy a man's search and come within the reach of his grasping, groping soul, and be the sought-for answer to this unexpressed, actually inexplicable goal.

A man can only expect to reach this goal through his existence. Yet what really is "existence" or life for a person? Routine chores of everyday living? An endless and countless parade of dreams — some being fulfilled, some shattered? Encounters with "good" and "bad" where tolerance or acceptance of both is expected if not at times demanded? A day-by-day, month-by-month, year-by-year attempt to satisfy only one's selfish desires? An established habit of swallowing so-called facts and orders without asking "why" or "what for"? An apparently lonely, empty and meaningless void?

If any of these happen to be the true case, chances are life is of no challenge to that particular individual, reasons probably being that he is afraid or uncertain of how to confront life. Whereas, the person who dares to challenge life and strive to fulfill the thirst of his soul will no doubt never find himself defining life as such. But what does this venturesome individual possess that the less-ambitious person does not exhibit?

I think perhaps the American poet, Sara Teasdale, said it all when she once wrote: "Only by love is life made real." Somehow I feel truth seems to abide in this statement which does not call for any proof or justification. A look at life itself seems to be an ever-existing example of the validity of this statement. No doubt the more critical people of the world would pounce on this statement and ask: "What do you mean by love? What do you mean by life? Define real." I do not propose to answer these questions, mainly because I believe that most people foster their own particular definitions for such words; as individuals vary, so too will the definitions. Those to whom life is "real" are

willing to acknowledge that "good" and "bad" do exist. But it is through love and expression of love that the "realness" of life comes to awareness and is confronted and coped with. Love in the real world has the power to change bad to good, sadness to joy, defeat to victory, despair to hope, and death to life.

Looking around, you can see those who are willing to accept the challenges of life, and you can also see those who are ready and able to cope with the real world. Looking at these same people you will usually find an accompanying extended helping hand, a friendly smile, a word of encouragement, a pleasing personality that silently cries out in the turmoil of everyday existence, "I care!". To say that love brings out these characteristics in *all* people would certainly leave ample room for fallacy; however, real love finds real expression, and in such cases does life itself become real and meaningful. Love itself is awareness . . . an awareness to many things which leads to a richer, fuller understanding of life.

To doubt the words of Sara Teasdale would be like saying, "The world and life exists regardless of whether or not love exists. It cannot be denied." True. But I would seriously question the quality and meaningfulness of such a person's existence when he is void of love — love encountered through a relationship, whether the relationship is a brotherly, parental, marital, natural, or Godly one. Who knows, perhaps love is a basic if not mandatory stepping-stone which will enable each of us to reach our ultimate goal however uncertain or undefinable it may be.

—Kathy Strohl

ECO Project Revived

Al Ernest reports that the local Ecology Club and the Junior Chamber of Commerce plan to revive the project of cleaning up river banks and putting out trees in an area once known as the Town Commons. Several years ago someone discovered that the land bordering the sides of the North Fork of the Licking River had once been known as the Town Commons and belonged to the city. The Commons reached from the bridge of the Penn Central to the Everett Avenue span, and perhaps somewhat farther north. The local newspaper recorded a flurry of excitement; the JC's adopted a program to clean up the much polluted area in order to make it a true park area. Not only were old tires and other rubbish removed from the stream

proper, but a few minor industries were notified to vacate the public property on which they did business. But then the excitement died down; the project became dormant.

Recently, however, Ernest, while attending a social function, conversed with a gentleman who not only happened to be a member of the JC organization but also was chairman of a committee that hoped to resuscitate the apparent moribund project. Result of the chat was that the Junior Chamber would purchase seedlings of oak, sycamore, buckeye, and two varieties of ash and that the ecology group would landscape and plant the young trees.

Tentative plans call for the work on the project to begin this spring.

All-Night Party Coming Up

An all-night party to be sponsored for the students of OSU-NC was one of the upcoming activities discussed by the members of the Newark Campus Presidents Council when they met in the home of advisor, Mr. Derek Noll for their busiest meeting yet. The party, possibly to include a swim party and a dance, has tentatively been set for the latter part of winter quarter. The party committee, headed by Miss Pat Cunningham, promises to plan an exciting evening which no OSU-NC student will want to miss.

Thirteen campus organizations were represented when Paul Swisher, Circle-K representative, was elected as the new president of the President's Council. Dennis Radcliffe, student body President, became the vice president,

while Peggy Dove, 4-H president, was elected to the office of secretary and Mary Heubach, Circle-Kettes representative became the treasurer.

Besides the all night party, the members of President's Council are helping to set up a drug forum, possibly to include an ex-addict as a speaker to be held sometime in February. Another activity which they plan to help coordinate is a student versus faculty basketball game, if there proves to be sufficient interest in such an activity. Games between members of campus organizations, such as Circle-K versus Sigma Tau, could also be included.

Presidents Council members are endorsing the ski trip to Clear Fork at Butler, Ohio to be held on

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There has been some discussion about beginning a Fencing Club here at the campus. If there is sufficient interest, there is a possibility that such a club could be organized. Interested persons should contact Dave Scott or leave word in the ORACLE office.

Erlich on the Future of Man

Interviewer: What happens, though, if public interest does fade and the problems remain?

Erlich: Well, most likely, we as a race will fade away, too. For good. I sometimes start my speeches by saying the environmental crisis began on January second, 8000 B.C. The levity escapes my audiences, more often than not, but the message is there. As soon as man began to farm the land, he began to significantly alter the ecology of the planet. Everything he has done since has made the situation worse. For most of man's life on the earth, however, his disruptions were small enough in scale to be handled by the biosphere—that thin layer of earth, air and water which supports and binds together all forms of life on earth. But with the Industrial Revolution, man tipped the scales; it became possible for him to overload the biosphere and destroy it piecemeal. He's been doing it, rather stubbornly, ever since.

When man mastered his own tools and intelligence enough to escape the earth and view it from space, however, he learned that what he has been given is not infinite. Those striking pictures of earth taken from the moon may be the greatest reward of the entire space program—an effort that certainly isn't ecologically sound in any other way. All anyone who doesn't believe in the severity of the crisis has to do to convince himself is look at those pictures of space-ship earth suspended in the black void. That's it—all we have, one little orb.

That orb and most of the other heavenly bodies are much older than man. Most of the creatures of the earth have seniority over us. They made it this far by remaining compatible with their environment, by adapting and adjusting to the natural circumstances of their existence. There are many species that have van-

ished because they could not adapt. It's not at all inconceivable that man will follow these creatures into extinction. If he continues to reproduce at the present soaring rate, continues to tamper with the biosphere, continues to toy around with apocalyptic weapons, he will probably share the fate of the dinosaur. If he learns to adapt to the finitude of the planet, to the changed character of his existence, he may survive. If not, nothing like him is likely to evolve ever again. The world will be inherited by a creature more adaptable and tenacious than he.

Interviewer: Is there such a creature?

Erlich: Yes. The cockroach.

"To live in mankind is far more than to live in name."—Sara Teasdale

PARTY Continued

February 4. All interested students are being urged to sign up before the 41 vacancies are filled.

As well as social functions, the student Volunteer Program, being set up to work for agencies in the Newark area, is a project of the Presidents Council. A list of available volunteer programs is to be made available to interested students in the near future.

The enthusiastic Presidents Council has already begun to make plans for Spring quarter activities. May Day, an annual "free day" to be held on May 6, may prove to hold more interest for the community, as well as the students, than in the past. Presidents council is planning to urge other campus organizations to sponsor community service projects to be completed during the morning of May Day. Of course, May Day will also include the traditional fun and social activities of the afternoon and evening.

All students are being urged to help make OSU-NC an active student campus through their participation and support of all student activities. Presidents Council members agree that many students are unnecessarily missing out on the fun and fellowship, as well as the chance to work for a cause, through lack of interest and participation in campus activities and organizations.

—Peggy Dove

Remember the P.O.W.'s

The prisoners of war and the missing in action servicemen in Southeast Asia need the support of the American people. Please show your concern for these men by putting your signature on a letter already provided for you. Follow this simple procedure: Place your name, city and state on a letter found on a table in the student lounge. Then place the letter in the box provided. The P.O.W.'s and M.I.A.'s need the support of every student at Newark Campus. Please do your part. Here is a sample letter:
The Office of the President

Democratic Republic of Vietnam
Hanoi, North Vietnam

THRU: POW & MIA Wives of North Carolina
P.O. Box 100,000
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28303

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to express my concern for the American servicemen listed as prisoners of war and missing in action in Southeast Asia.

Please do not be misled into thinking the American people do not care about the plight of these men. We do care and are appealing to you to honor basic codes of decency by releasing the names of the men and by releasing these men, held so long, to their wives and families.

Name _____

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State _____

4-H NEWS

Continuing to take enthusiastic strides, the University 4-H Club kept busy over the Christmas holiday break. On December 13, the club members helped with the candle-lighting ceremonies at the Christmas on Campus. The following week, members accumulated two car loads of clothing, food, and toys and gave them to a needy family in Newark. They also sang Christmas carols at the LPN and Arlington Nursing Homes.

For more fun and excitement, a combined 4-H and Alpha Phi Omega party was held at the home of Irvalee Varner on December 28. Members and guests had great fun participating in euchre, twister, monopoly, and password games besides talking and socializing with friends.

Winter Quarter 1971 got off to a swingin' start with the 4-H sponsored square dance held on the evening of January 9. Work and social projects are in the planning stages for the rest of the quarter. Projects such as helping make a nature trail, providing entertainment for blind children, having a bowling party or having a swimming party are under consideration at present.

Anyone wishing to join the University 4-H Club this quarter is more than welcome to come and join in all the activities and responsibilities.

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GREGORY Continued

of the recent bombings attributed to radical left wing militants. In the eyes of the world, America's actions at home are merely an extension of those cowboy movies. The man who will shoot up the streets of a frontier town, endangering the lives of innocent bystanders and forcing them to dive for cover, will think nothing of riding onto the university campus to continue his gunplay.

The Klansman in Miss Liberty's crown symbolizes, of course, America's hatred of color. America continues to project an image which says, "if you're white, you're alright, no matter what you do." America steadfastly refuses to consider Red China's inclusion into the family of the United Nations, yet even as Russia's "hate America" campaign is going full swing American businessmen are in Moscow making deals and Sol Hurok is in town to sign the Bolshoi opera and ballet for another U.S. tour. It seems odd that Communist China is the villain to be ignored and Communist Russia is the friend to be negotiated with. Every American soldier who is killed in Vietnam is shot by a Russian-supplied bullet and every American pilot who is shot down is the victim of a Russian-supplied missile. In the eyes of a rational watching world, can America's rejection of Communist China and acceptance of Communist Russia be based on any other consideration than that of color? The Russians are white, you remember.

Speaking of color, it is very significant that Russia also displays anti-South African posters. It is one more reminder of two very crucial considerations: the importance of Africa on the world scene and the global population distribution which is some ninety percent nonwhite. Africa is the most important continent in the world today because of her rich natural resources. Any country which wants to be a major world power must establish a rapport with Africa. That means of course that America and Russia are in competition for African sympathies.

America seems to be consciously calculating a loss in that competition. America's treatment of black Americans at home cannot inspire confidence nor respect in Black Africa. America's refusal to take a stand against the racist South African regime is one more slap in the face of Blackness. America could assume a role of moral leadership on a world-wide scale. But she continues to give color considerations a higher priority than a true concern for justice and morality.

It is so sad to admit that America's daily actions are Russia's best propaganda material. But it must be admitted, recognized and dealt with if America is ever to come to her senses.



"Are you sure this is how to play tiddly winks?"
"No, you dummy. I said this is a practice game to get me ready for the chess tournament Thursday, January 21."

COFFEE HOUSE STUDENTS ONLY

The Magic Shop is a coffee-house and more. Folk entertainment, poetry recitations, dramatic interpretations, and anything else along these same lines is provided for at the coffee-house. People can feel free to come and go as they please and can do such things as read, do art work, play chess, play cards, or even do homework. There is a unique feature about the coffee-house . . . it doesn't cost anything to get in; it's free. Today that sort of set-up is indeed an unusual rarity.

There are people at the Magic Shop who are concerned about other people; this is why the Magic Shop transcends the commonness of any regular coffee-house. If you have a problem, there will be someone there to listen and help in anyway they possibly can.

The Magic Shop is located at 114 Union Street in Newark. It is open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 8:00 P.M. It closes . . . well, that depends on what the people want; the Magic Shop can and is willing to stay open as long as the people wish to stay, even if it is 6:00 A.M. The coffee-house serves coffee, fifteen various kinds of tea, and various kinds of pre-packaged foods, and soft drinks.

The coffee-house is operated by students for the benefit of the students (with no adult hassles). It can only work if it is wanted, and all it needs to keep it working are interested people who come to share what the Magic Shop has to offer.

If anyone is interested in working at the coffee-house he should go to the Magic Shop and give his name, address, and phone number to the person working there; contact either Dennis Andrews or David Scott; or leave his name and phone number at the Oracle office.

RECORD REVIEWS

The last time most of you heard of Van Morrison was back in 1967, when "Brown-Eyed Girl" made the Top 40. Before that, he backed the now-forgotten group Them, and penned the infamous G-L-O-R-I-A "Gloria." Well, our man Van is back once more, this time with his third Warner Brothers Album, and like "Astral Weeks" and "Moondance," which preceded it, "Van Morris - His Band and the Street Choir" is a masterpiece.

The liner notes tell a little about Van. They mention his immense personal commitment to his music and his companions, and the newfound freedom of expression that was previously lacking. What they don't mention would fill a book - he has an uncanny choice of lyrics and an incredible voice that has the edge of an impassioned, raving madman, and yet is subdued and gentle enough to soothe the most diehard Led Zeppelin fan. All of this is to his credit, and the only reason I mention it is because "His Band & the Street Choir" is such a fantastic recording. Like the man says, you want to keep this music within you until it becomes part of you, until Van Morrison becomes part of you. And that, friends, just about says it all.

Those of you who can't hack the Grateful Dead's new "American Beauty" album might do well to listen to "Vintage Dead" a collection of live material that's been hanging around since 1966. The Dead perform an excellent rendition of Dylan's "It's All Over Now, Baby Blue" along with "Dancing in the Street" and (Believe it or not) "In the Midnight Hour." But be forewarned: the Dead of "Vintage Dead" are unlike the satanic visigoths we know and love today. But then, to each his own.

-Buzz Arnold

COMPUTER ENVIRONMENT Continued

simulate human reactions to specify in a natural environment.

More simply, assume a room 22 feet by 12 feet by 12 feet. White walls, floor and ceiling. Ample illumination. Low noise level. Neutral odor. No furnishings in the room at all. Temperature 68 degrees F.

Any human being put into that room, that environment, will be affected by it through his senses and his background.

Prof. Brinkers hopes to have his computer model of human behavior so flexible that he can ask the computer for specific types of persons and use it to tell him how that person will react to any particular environment.

Basically, he hopes that project will — for the first time in history — allow architects to design buildings to fit people, rather than making people fit buildings.

Architects have always had to work within limitations — limitations set by the site, available money, the basic use of the building, the taste of the client.

Seldom considered, except perhaps in designing of private homes, is the person who will use the building.

Prof. Brinkers' project would make that forgotten person a very active partner in the architect's work.

It would also give the architect total control over all aspects of the building including interior decoration.

In designing a public hall for instance, architects have provided what is basically a rectangular box with a stage at one of the narrow ends.

Brinkers' computer would first of all determine the effects of this basic shape on an audience. Then seating arrangements would be checked, along with acoustics, lighting, colors and textures of walls, floor and ceiling and finally, the design of the seats for the audience, including colors and materials used in the seats.

All factors in that man-made environment would be carefully designed to form an integrated whole with each factor contributing positively to the ultimate use for which the structure was built.

Some of the basic human reactions to stimuli are already known — red is an exciting color; soaring Gothic arches give an ethereal feeling; low light levels, as in cocktail bars, make people speak more quietly, and so on.

But none of them have been put together in the comprehensive

way proposed by Brinkers.

Brinkers began the work several years ago with a review of available published information, sponsored by the Institute for Applied Technology of the National Bureau of Standards.

This was followed, last year, by a further project to investigate the interactions between people and environments.

At present, Brinkers is continuing the work, together with graduate students at Ohio State's School of Architecture. The university makes the computer available without cost, and the School of Architecture supports the research by contributing the time Prof. Brinkers spends on the work.

Although Brinkers and the students have two promising models programmed into the computer already, he expects it will be several years — at the present rate of progress — before sufficient models are in existence to give meaningful results.

Once he is satisfied he has programmed sufficient human reactions to environmental stimuli in the computer, he will test the work by seeking the response of computer models of specific people with a computer model of a specific environment.

Then he will check by using ten live persons in the actual environment.

"Today it is possible, technically, to construct almost any kind of building that is desired," Brinkers points out.

"The mile-high skyscraper proposed by Frank Lloyd Wright and the great geodesic domes of Buckminster Fuller which can cover entire cities are examples of what can be built today.

"But the life sciences, particularly the social and biological sciences, have not yet produced analytical methods and information which are really useful for understanding and predicting the ways in which buildings and environments affect people.

"In designing buildings and environments for human use, architects and engineers have had to rely on their experience and judgments as to what would be suitable.

In many cases, their guesses have been satisfactory, although there is reason to believe that the high adaptability of human beings enables them to 'get along' with less-than-ideal environments."

Or, to put it another way, people "fit" themselves to the buildings.



MISS ALLIN Continued

gratified by the results of the last election. Even though she did not vote for Taft, Miss Allin admires his candor in admitting the Republican defeat across the state.

Miss Allin firmly believes if the United States continues the draft system (interpreted as compulsory patriotism) that women should be drafted as well as men (but this does not mean that she would serve). As for the Viet Nam war, she questions the President's sincerity in wanting to get us out of Viet Nam as quickly as possible, but she hopes she is wrong. She often feels that we have remained in Viet Nam because we have to save face, and not necessarily to safeguard our remaining soldiers. Miss Allin firmly hopes within the next two years the President will have all the men out of Viet Nam (were she in power they would be out in twenty-four hours).

Miss Allin chose the profession of English for various reasons. For example, she was "egotistical" enough to enjoy her own writing at a very early age, and also she was inspired by a few key high school teachers at very impressionable times. Finally, the increasing awareness of the sheer enjoyment of literature for its nobility of

expression and continual relevance helped guide Miss Allin toward the field of English.

The topic of dating brought an unbelieving grin to Miss Allin's lips, but in reply she stated that dating an occasional ex-student should be considered acceptable, but not mandatory. As for dating professors there are no limitations; she believes this promotes better faculty rapport and better interdisciplinary cooperation.

Concerning marriage she believes society is gravitating toward the concept of serial monogamy. Miss Allin agrees with Margaret Mead's suggestion pertaining to trial marriages, this suggestion being the possibility of two types of marriages, one being a trial arrangement without children, and perhaps later the second type of marriage, a more stable, permanent union with children. She is somewhat aggravated by the stress society places on the necessity of marriage. People should not feel compelled to marry just to conform; some are not prepared for marriage and some never will be.

Finally her philosophy of life, "Enjoy yourself with others as best you can, but be careful never to infringe upon the other's right while striving for personal growth in all areas."

—Patty Wilson

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